



JOY SUMBERG

BIOGRAPHY

Joy Sumberg's magic has been described as "her resonant reminiscence of life stages, touching on romance, as well as interpersonal levels. Her sultry timbre is easy as an afternoon rowboat ride." Though she began singing early in life, it wasn't until the late nineties that she began to hone her songwriting and performing skills as a street musician in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.

It was on this proving ground that she first began to share her lyrics and melodies crafted with an extreme personal honesty surrounded by simple acoustic chords. Those early days of singing in the brilliant summer sun solidified her love of beautiful melodies that resonate down the red brick walkways and echo off the historic buildings creating an enchanting music box.

Today, Joy continues to create deeply personal songs about love, friendship, beauty, and sometimes unfiltered anger. Her live solo performances layer a teasing humor that contrasts with the intensely personal nature of her songs. The combination creates an intimate evening of folk, rocky, soulful music with a hint of mountain flavor and the welcomed touch of laughter.

Born and raised in Northfield, Massachusetts Joy now lives in Cambridge MA, but continues to head to the western part of the state to share music and art with friends.

Past collaborations include recording projects with progressive rock band, Plank, lead-singer of Boston-based rock band, Buzzstar, and lead-singer and original song contributor to the North Shore folk/blues band, Neptune Bay.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Original songs "Dancer" and "Rain" are featured in the 2006 film "Free To Fly" created by artist Kerry Anne Kazokas. In addition to featuring songs, Joy also appears in "Free to Fly" as an open mic performer.

"I Shall Be Released" recorded with Neptune Bay made the "Folk on WGBH 89.7" playlist.

"For You" an original composition received an Honorable Mention in the 2004 Billboard World Song Contest.

Produced and hosted The North Shore Music Project TV show for North Shore Comcast access channels, with her former band, Neptune Bay.

SELECTED PERFORMANCE VENUES

Mocha Maya's Coffeehouse, Shelburne Falls, MA
The Middle East, Cambridge, MA
The Plough and Stars, Cambridge, MA
Skybar, Somerville, MA
Grumpy's, Falmouth, MA
The Grog, Newburyport, MA
Yankee Homecoming Festival, Newburyport, MA
Essex Music Festival, Essex, MA
Terra Blues, The Village, New York City
-Other local venues